

River Report

November, 2011

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Parent-Teacher Conferences, 11/10/11- 1:00 - 4:45 PM and 6:00 - 8:30 PM
- ◆ 🎵 Holiday Concert December 19, 7:00 PM

RRHS Hall of Fame Nominations

Please reference the Rocky River website (www.rrcs.org) for nomination forms via the Hall of Fame link. Nominations for next year's Hall of Fame class need to be received in the office of the Principal no later than March 15, 2012.

ON-LINE RIVER REPORT

The *River Report* will be published quarterly and posted as follows: 2nd Quarter - January 30, 2012 and 3rd Quarter - April 2, 2012. The *River Report* is mailed to all parents via Alert Now.



"Best Wishes" to you and your families from all of us at Rocky River High School as we approach the Thanksgiving and Winter Holiday Season!

Dear RRHS Students and Parents:

The first quarter of the 2011/2012 school year has rapidly concluded. We appreciate the outstanding effort, cooperation and participation of students and staff. Enrollments continue to be steady at RRHS this year as we have 861 students as of today. Class sizes are as follows: Freshmen (207), Sophomores (227), Juniors (199) and Seniors (228).

River Pride

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized members of our senior class for their exceptional efforts in National Merit Competition: *Semi-Finalist* John Corcoran and five *Commended* students; Paige Altemare, Zoe Becker, Arianna Perry-Moore, Madeline Tingle and Daniel Wolfe. Congratulations to this outstanding and elite group of seniors and we wish continued success to John Corcoran as he advances in the competition.

High Honors/Honor Roll

Strong academic performance of our students in the first quarter of the academic year was exceptional. Highlighting the "High Honor Rolls" were the freshmen and seniors with 91 and 85 respectively. Overall, a total of 305 students earned "High Honors" which recognizes cumulative Grade Point Averages of 3.75 and higher, with no grades of D, F or I (incomplete). These figures equate to 36% of our student body earning High Honors.

The "Honor Roll" is comprised of students whose cumulative Grade Point Average falls within the range of 3.0 to 3.74. Seniors led the way with 91 followed by juniors with 76 earning honor roll status. A total of 313 students made the regular Honor Roll. Overall, 618 students earned recognition via one of the honor rolls. Thus, 72% of our student body is achieving at truly exceptional status!!

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Rocky River City School District is required to identify, locate and evaluate all children, birth through age twenty-one, within the district, with disabilities. The term "disability" includes such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, specific learning disabilities, behavior disabilities, developmental disabilities, speech and language disabilities, orthopedic and other health disabilities caused by such conditions as epilepsy or cardiac illness and other severe or multiple disabilities.

Although many school age disabled children are identified and currently being served by the Rocky River City School District, pre-school children, ages 3-5, with disabilities may be unidentified because parents may not be aware that programs and services are now available through the public schools. Community members can help us with this important effort. If you know of a child in the Rocky River City School District with a disability who is not presently attending school or receiving services from another agency, please contact Jennifer Norman, Director of Pupil Services, at the Rocky River City School District Board Office, (440) 356-6006.



Fall Update

The Pirates have just finished up a very successful fall and we look to continue our success this winter. Rocky River won two West Shore Conference titles in girls' soccer and boys' golf. The girls' soccer team and girls' cross country team both qualified for Regionals with the soccer team ending up Regional runner-up. The boys' cross country team qualified for Regionals and the boys' golf team qualified for Districts.

Individually the Pirates also had some great accomplishments. This past weekend Elyse Bierut and Madison Connelly represented Rocky River in the State cross country meet. Elyse finished 2nd with a time of 18:08 and Madison Connelly finished 46th with a time of 19:10.



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Environmental Club

RRHS's Environmental Club is committed to recycling. Each day, students in the club follow a schedule to empty **paper recycling** bins around the high school offices and classrooms and place the papers in our big green bins outside in the stadium parking lot. We work with Paper Retriever, who then pays us based on tonnage of paper collected per month. According to Paper Retriever, on average, 80% of the paper recycled at any school/institution comes from community members. So, we would like to extend a big *thank you* to those of you who consciously recycle junk mail, phone books, newspapers, and more and take the time to bring it to the RRHS stadium lot to help us with this club fundraiser. If this is not part of your routine, would you consider making it part of your routine?

We also recycle **batteries** and **small electronics**. This is *not* a fundraiser; the club pays per box to have these items recycled. However, we are committed to preventing these toxic items from ending up in landfills. So please send any alkaline, silver, lead, mercury, lithium, NiCd, or NiMh batteries to school with your son/daughter and have them drop them off in Mrs. Borgia's Room (206) or mailbox. Small electronics include cell phones, cameras, calculators, and PDA's.

The club also recycles the school's **cans** and **bottles**. A new venture this year will be collecting **writing utensils** for recycling. We will have bins located in select classrooms and in Room 206 for students to drop off any old pen, pencil, crayon, marker, etc. If you were able to write with it at one time, we can collect it for recycling! So clean out those kitchen and desk drawers and bring in any and all used writing utensils. Thank you for your support!



Giant Eagle Apples for Students

Our school is again participating in the Giant Eagle "Apples for the Students" program. Giant Eagle provides the opportunity for schools to receive FREE equipment for our classrooms. The program is easy! Register at www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students or 1-800-474-4777. Our code is 2730. When you shop with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card, each scan of the card will help earn free equipment! Contact Mr. Mark Wagner at the high school (356-6802) with any questions.



Holiday Band and Choir Concert

The annual band and choir holiday concert will be on **Monday, December 19, 2011**. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This has always been a highlight of the music program and a great way to begin the holiday season!

Web Page

Please continue to refer to our web page for the most current school information, newsletters, forms/links, access to staff email addresses, school calendars and upcoming events.

www.rrcs.org

Winter Formal

Winter formal will be on Saturday, February 18, 2012 in the high school gymnasium from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Curfew time is 8:30 p.m. Additional information will be provided closer to the date of the dance.

Yearbook 2012

RRHS 2012 yearbooks are now on sale! Order forms have been mailed to your home address. If you need an additional form, please go to the Rocky River High School homepage @rrcs.org or contact Stephanie Minotti at 356-6800. Orders are due November 21, 2011 and are \$57.00.

Download Order Form Here:

[**Yearbook Order Form**](#)

Class of 2012

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Cap and Gown Orders:

February 1, 2012 – Wagar Lobby 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

February 8, 2012 – Wagar Lobby 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Cap and Gown Delivery:

April 26, 2012 – Wagar Lobby – 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

May 3, 2012 – Wagar Lobby – 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Prom

May 19, 2012 – House of Blues – 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Senior Picnic

June 1, 2012 – HS Stadium – 11:00 a.m. (commencement ticket distribution)

Baccalaureate

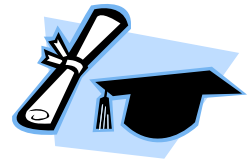
June 3, 2012 – St. Christopher's Church – 3:00 p.m.

Graduation Rehearsal - Mandatory

June 7, 2012 – Lakewood Civic Auditorium – 10:00 a.m.

Graduation

June 8, 2012 – Lakewood Civic Auditorium – 7:30 p.m. (admission is by ticket only)



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

www.rrcs.org

Senior Parents and Students

There will be an important and informative financial aid meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Mr. Dave Minich, *CollegeNow* Financial Aid Consultant, will discuss pertinent information, including how to complete the FAFSA and the CSS/PROFILE. We encourage you to attend.

College and Scholarship Application Deadline

Attention Senior Students and Parents: Applications and/or recommendations for college admissions and scholarships **that you wish to have processed before the winter break (12/21/11) must be turned in to the Guidance Office by 4:00 p.m. on 12/5/11.** *This deadline does not pertain to the Local Scholarship Application.* Please note that the guidance office will continue to process applications and transcripts through late spring with the established "10 school days" processing time.

Any student or parent needing assistance with the college application process is encouraged to contact their respective counselor:

A-G	Jeffrey Petrusis	petrusis.jeffrey@rrcs.org
H-N	Julie Morriss	morriss.julie@rrcs.org
O-Z	Candace Hecker	hecker.candace@rrcs.org

Junior College Night

Parents of current juniors are invited to join the Guidance Staff for a presentation regarding the college search and application process on Tuesday, 1/10/12, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This is a critical time for doing research and making decisions. If you have questions about the college process, making informed choices or how financial aid works, please plan to attend this meeting.

Safe School Helpline:

Break the Silence – Prevent the Event
1-800-418-6423 ext. 359
www.safeschoolhelpline.com

Please call the Safe School Helpline if you know anything that threatens our school's safety. It's free and confidential 24 hours/7 days a week. Please report any facts, remarks or actions that could jeopardize the safety of our children, school or staff. Examples of harmful or threatening behavior might include: bullying, violence, theft, drug or alcohol abuse, talk of suicide, sexual harassment, weapons.

Guidance Upcoming Events:

12/1: Financial Aid Night, 7 p.m. in the auditorium
12/5: College and Scholarship application deadline for processing before winter break
1/10: Junior Career and College Planning meeting for parents in the auditorium
1/11: PLC meeting for Junior Career and College Planning in the auditorium
1/28: FAFSA filing workshop sponsored by *CollegeNow* (registration required)
1/31: Scheduling meetings for current 9-11th grade students, periods 1-3 respectively
2/7: 8th grade Parent and Student Scheduling Meeting, 7 p.m. in the auditorium
2/25: FAFSA filing workshop sponsored by *CollegeNow* (registration required)
2/29: PLC meeting for Freshmen Career and College Planning in the auditorium
3/5: RRHS Local Scholarship Applications available in the Guidance Office for seniors

Guidance Upcoming Events (continued):

- 3/7: Tri-C College Partnership meeting for parents and students, 7 p.m. in the auditorium
- 3/28: PLC meeting for Sophomore Career and College Planning in the auditorium
- 3/31: Post Secondary Enrollment Option "Notice of Intent to Participate" deadline.
- 4/14: ACT testing for current juniors – sign up by 3/9 at www.act.org
- 4/17: Scholarships & Financial Aid 101 - meeting for parents of 9-11th graders, 7 p.m. in auditorium
- 5/5: SAT testing for current juniors - sign up by 4/6 at www.collegeboard.com
- 6/2: SAT testing for current juniors – sign up by 5/8 at www.collegeboard.com
- 6/9: ACT testing for current juniors – sign up by 5/4 at www.act.org



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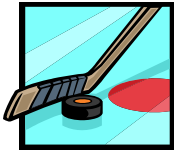
Dates to Remember

November 9, 2011	PLC Wednesday Schedule (Delayed Start) *
November 10, 2011	Parent/Teacher Conferences – RRHS Main Gym 1:00 PM – 4:45 PM and 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM <i>No School for Students</i>
November 11, 2011	Teacher Professional Day <i>No School for Students</i>
November 16, 2011	PLC Wednesday Schedule (Delayed Start) *
November 18, 2011	Basketball Challenge Cup – RRHS Main Gym 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
November 19, 2011	Wrestling Team Fundraiser – Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. – Noon – HS Cafeteria
November 23, 2011	Thanksgiving Break Begins
November 28, 2011	School Resumes
November 30, 2011	PLC Wednesday Schedule (Delayed Start) *
December 7, 2011	PLC Wednesday Schedule (Delayed Start) *
December 9, 2011	Jostens Class Ring Delivery 10:52 a.m. – 1:12 p.m. - Wagar Lobby
December 14, 2011	PLC Wednesday Schedule (Delayed Start) *
December 16, 2011	Jostens Class Ring Delivery 10:52 a.m. – 1:12 p.m. - Wagar Lobby
December 19, 2011	Band and Choir Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m. – HS Auditorium
December 21, 2011	PLC Wednesday Schedule (Delayed Start) *
December 22, 2011	Winter Break Begins

***The complete list of PLC dates and the irregular Wednesday schedule are posted on our web page and can be also be accessed by clicking on the link below.**

[PLC Dates 2011/2012](#)

[PLC Irregular Schedule](#)



RIVER REPORT NOVEMBER 2011 Student Activities and Athletics



Athletics and Activities

All athletic events/activities are available on-line at www.highschoolsports.net

Booster Club

The Activities Boosters of Rocky River Schools is a very important parent organization. Each year the Booster Club raises significant funds to support student activity programs. RRHS encourages your involvement in Boosters. A membership form is available on the web site. Please join!

The Rocky River Boosters have made shopping for spirit wear a little easier. The Pirate Shop is located in the Wagar lobby of RRHS. The shop is open every Wednesday and Friday when school is in session from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Stop in for t-shirts, sweats, hats and other Pirate wear. Proceeds from the sales benefit the district's athletic and co-curricular clubs and teams.

Winter Sports and Activities

Students wishing to participate in any winter sport or activity should contact the appropriate coach or advisor at 356-6803.

Boys Basketball

Mike Murray

Girls Basketball

Mike Sislowski

Wrestling

Eric Tuokkola

Swimming

Kali Dye

Ice Hockey

Chris Cogan

Girls Gymnastics

Meg Leneghan

Wrestling Team Fundraiser

The Rocky River Wrestling Team will host its *Eleventh Annual Pancake Fundraiser* on Saturday, November 19, 2011 in the high school cafeteria from 8:00 a.m. – noon. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door. Please come and enjoy a great breakfast while helping the wrestling team!